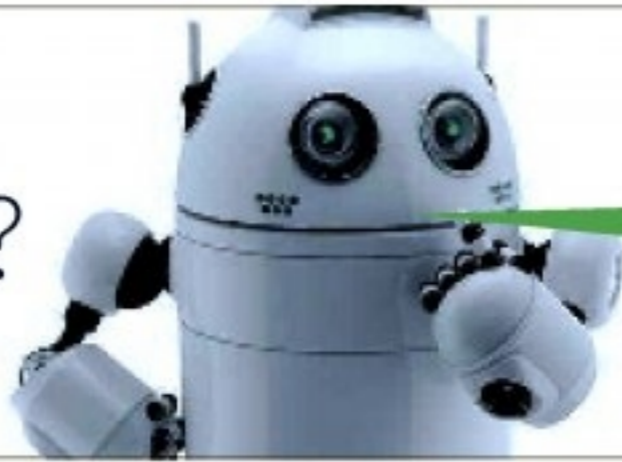


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## HOMICIDES IN HALIFAX

# Weekend killing third in 6 days

### CRIME

## Police say they are working to solve rash of shootings



**Sarah Rae**  
For Metro | Halifax

Police say major crime investigators are working around the clock to identify and bring to justice those responsible for a recent rash of homicides in the city.

The latest killing came early Saturday morning when Daverico Downey, 20, was found dead in North Preston just after 2 a.m. by police.

Officers had been responding to reports of gunfire on Downey Road in the community.

"Police are as concerned as our citizens about these senseless acts," said RCMP Const. Tammy Lobb on Sunday, following a week that saw three homicides in six days.

Police say they believe Downey was shot, and based on an autopsy, the death has been ruled a homicide.

Lobb said the investigation is still in its early stages, but police are exploring whether this latest killing is related to the recent homicides of 29-year-old Tyler Richards and 23-year-old Naricho Clayton.

Richards was found shot dead April 17 in a Cook Avenue home in west-end Halifax.

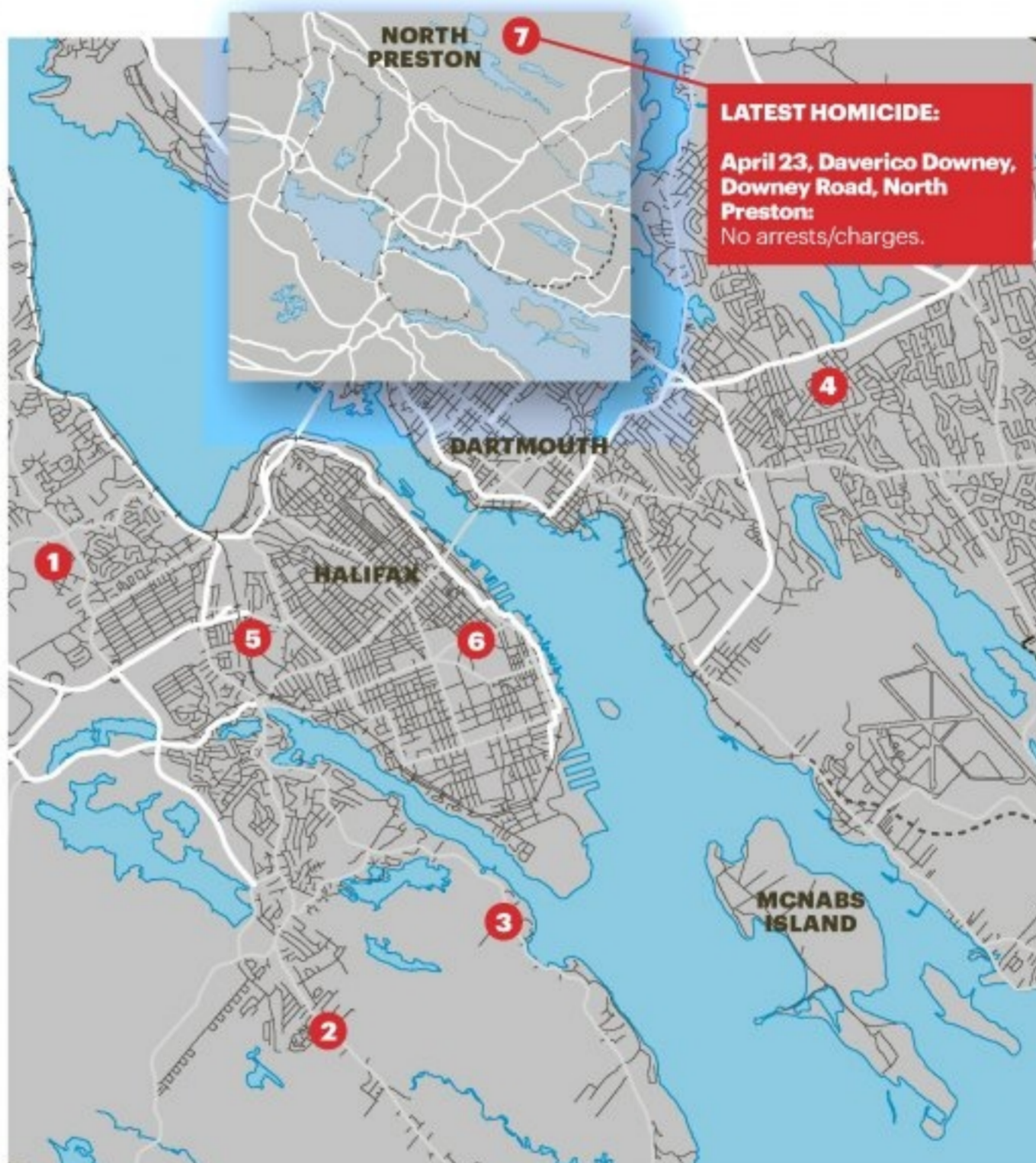
Richards was a former member of the Halifax Rainmen, but had been in trouble with the law in recent years.

He was most recently charged in late March after police found a large amount of cocaine during a traffic stop.

Naricho Clayton and another man were shot in a car and found on Gottingen Street on April 19. Clayton died on the scene and the other man was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Police said they have identified a specific suspect in Clayton's death and are looking for him.

After Richards' death, police said they would not rule out a connection between his death and the murder of 20-year-old Joseph Cameron, who was found shot dead in Dartmouth March 29.



### LATEST HOMICIDE:

**April 23, Daverico Downey, Downey Road, North Preston:**  
No arrests/charges.

# 7

There have been a total of seven homicides across Halifax so far this year.

**1 Jan. 21, Frank Lampe, Harlington Crescent, Halifax:**  
Second-degree murder charges laid.

**2 March 2, Blaine Clothier, Autumn Drive, Halifax:**  
Second-degree murder charges laid.

**3 March 26, Kristin Johnston, Oceanview Drive, Halifax:**  
Second-degree murder charges laid.

**4 March 29, Joseph Cameron, Mount Edward Road and Spring Avenue, Dartmouth:**  
No arrests/charges.

**5 April 17, Tyler Richards, Cook Avenue, Halifax:**  
No arrests/charges.

**6 April 19, Naricho Clayton, Gottingen Street, Halifax:**  
No arrests/charges.

**“Police are as concerned as our citizens about these senseless acts.”** Const. Tammy Lobb

While the investigation is still in its early stages, police are exploring any potential connections between the death of Daverico Downey to the recent shootings of Tyler Richards and Naricho Clayton. GRAPHIC: ANDRES PLANA/METRO

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## HOMICIDES IN HALIFAX

# Community is facing 'a crisis'

## CRIME

## Hundreds take to streets for peace after three killings



**Sarah Rae**  
For Metro | Halifax

Hundreds of people marched through the streets of Halifax Sunday afternoon in an effort to "stop the violence" after a string of recent homicides, including three in less than a week.

People marched, chanting "Stop the violence, keep the peace," from Novalea Drive down Gottingen Street, past the spot where Naricho Clayton was found dead on Tuesday night, to Grand Parade.

Quentrel Provo, who organized the march through his non-profit Stop the Violence, was joined by hundreds of community members, police, and politicians.

When the march arrived at Grand Parade, several speakers took the stage, including Provo, Mayor Mike Savage, Halifax Regional Police Chief Jean-Michel Blais, north-end Halifax council candidate Lindell Smith and local poet El Jones.

"We are in a crisis, and unless together we do this, it will continue more and more," said Smith.



A peace march winds its way down Gottingen Street on Sunday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

"No matter what colour, background, continent you come from, none of us want to see a loved one go, no one wants to see a loved one go tragically. The loss of life is part of life, but someone's life being taken away is nothing we should accept."

He said citizens must hold the government accountable for the lack of programs and support available.

"Unless we hold our communities, ourselves and our government accountable we're going to be in the same place we are today. I do not want

### + POLICE CHIEF

#### Blais hopes to draw attention to homicides

Halifax Regional Police Chief Jean-Michel Blais said, in an interview, that he was there to support his community and try and help bring attention to the recent unsolved homicides, and the dozens of others from years past.

to be here next year, the year after, next month, marching,"

"I think it's very important to support this kind of grassroots movement."

"Obviously it's for a very important reason, and two, as a citizen of the Halifax Regional Municipality this is something that touches me and my family very much so I think it's important to be able to show support here."

he said.

A number of children took

part in the march, some wearing "Stop the violence" T-shirts and carrying signs, and the future of young people was a large focus of the event.

Provo called all people under age 30 to the front, and said a lot of people had asked him why he was there.

"This is why," he said, standing among dozens of young people from his community.

A few speakers also criticized the media coverage surrounding the murders, saying that these men who have died are so much more than the way they were killed.



Makyli Joncas, aged nine, holds a sign she made.

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### IN THEIR OWN WORDS

## We asked some why they were there



He was my brother, my best friend, my very best friend, I'm out to support, to stop the violence. We gotta save the kids, we gotta get to our youth and set a good example, make it into a positive not a negative, just show our support. Shirley Brown, referring to Tyler Richards

"I came out basically just to support the families and the victims, really. I knew Tyler, a good guy, media gives him a bad rap but he was a really good guy at the end of the day."

Chris Kennedy

"I want to be in solidarity with the suffering of the world and although I live north of the Hydrostone which is a peaceful, nice area, I don't think it can ever be about them and us, it's always us and us."

Charles Bull

"I am concerned about the violence in our city and I am a strong believer in peaceful direct action. I think this is a great way to show our support and solidarity with all the people who are living with this."

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# 'It's happy tears, tears of joy'

HEALTH CENTRE

**Jim Nickle has volunteered at IWK for over 7,000 hours**



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
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From playing peek-a-boo with giggling toddlers to helping distressed families find their way around the IWK Health Centre, Jim Nickle said his volunteer job motivates him.

"I don't know how to describe our kids because some of them have some pretty serious medical issues but they've got something extra going for them and it's just amazing," Nickle said, his eyes brimming with tears.

"I've made the statement before that when you hear a child crying it's because they don't want to leave, it's not because they're coming here."

In the past eight years, Nickle has volunteered about 7,000 hours at the children's hospital.

He works at the information desk and in the escort office, arriving like clockwork every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to put in a 20-hour week.

"I do a couple early mornings and try to get here for 7 a.m. because folks are coming at 7 a.m. for blood work or diagnostic imaging or coming to see babies born overnight," he explained.

"I do tours and I often get weepy and I find it emotional,



Jim Nickle is a volunteer with the IWK Health Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

but it's happy tears, tears of joy."

Nickle also puts in extra hours on committee work.

"I'm here so much that I get involved in a number of committees so I come for those too. Committees like parking and signage and way-finding," he said.

"I've just been asked to sit

in on the family advisory council to represent the ambulatory patients who come and go and don't necessarily stay."

The coordinator of volunteer resources at IWK said Nickle's contributions are immeasurable.

"He gives more time to this place than a lot of staff people do," Stephanie Moore said.

"He cares about the patient experience and he does everything within his power to make things better."

As the first point of contact for many families, Moore said Nickle's empathic nature makes things easier for those going

through a stressful time.

Nickle said the payback is being able to help families going through a difficult time. Whether it's bringing them where they need to go, helping fix a tire, or helping a mother move things into her child's room.

"More recently now we're starting to get some of the refugee families coming in and can you imagine coming into a place like this and really not understanding the language and even the structure of the place?"

"What a joy it is to take these people to where they're going. To say 'Here's where you're sup-

posed to be and I'll leave you in good hands.'"

Nickle said he intends to continue volunteering at IWK and the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo as long as he's able.

"I find old age frankly depressing. My kids are overseas teaching and I don't have any hobbies and I'm not a sports fan, so the IWK for me fills a void," he said. "It's very rewarding to be here for folks who don't necessarily know my name or who I am, but they remember someone was here to help them. I go home with a full emotional tank every day."

## + NOMINATIONS

Each Monday, we will profile an unsung volunteer hero in our community as part of Halifax Heroes. To nominate someone, email [philip.croucher@metronews.ca](mailto:philip.croucher@metronews.ca) (Metro Halifax's managing editor) or Tweet @metrohalifax using the hashtag #Halifaxheroes.

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# New fall fair in works

ECONOMY

## Organizers bringing back agricultural celebration



**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro | Halifax

Fans of the Maritime Fall Fair rejoice — come next year, there will be a new fair in Halifax.

Plans for the Atlantic Agricultural Fall Fair (AAFF) were announced over the weekend at the Saltscapes Expo at the newly named Halifax Exhibition Centre.

"We believe that this is a transformative point for agricultural industries in Atlantic Canada," said David Logie, chair of the event's executive committee, on Saturday.

He said the fair will have all the elements of past Halifax fairs, including livestock competitions, the Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers and a petting zoo. He added it will focus on "inbound trade," featuring vendors from all four Atlantic provinces.



**David Logie announces the upcoming Atlantic Agricultural Fall Fair.** REBECCA DINGWELL / FOR METRO

"We're going to bring the buyers here... and we're going to show them what we have," explained Logie.

Logie was one of several speakers at the announcement. Mayor Mike Savage was also there.

"This is producing results for those who produce food, which is good for all of us," said Savage. "As a kid, I remember the Maritime fall fairs, and how much fun it was to come over."

The Maritime Fall Fair ran more than 50 years, but was cancelled in 2015 after Exhibition Park was closed due to severe winter damage.

Since then, the exhibition space has been taken over by new ownership. The AAFF is set to be the "new and improved" fall fair, taking place every Thanksgiving weekend.

Linda Gourlay, founder and producer Saltscapes Expo, said bringing the fair back is "an

enormous challenge," but also an honour.

"Buy local" is no longer an option — buy local is now a necessity," said Gourlay. "Every time we take our wallets out of our pockets, I want you to think who are you supporting."

Scheduled Oct. 6 to 10, the fair is expected to have a budget of \$750,000, including corporate partnerships, sponsorships and government funding.

LOTTERY

## Chase the Ace jackpot to reach \$2.6 million

Sheldon Boutilier had a feeling that Lady Luck might be looking his way.

After all, his heart had skipped a few extra beats just two weeks earlier when one of his tickets had the same first four numbers as the winning ticket at the Ashby Chase the Ace near Sydney.

The last two digits were wrong, but that only inspired the resident of New Boston Road, off the Lousibourg highway, to purchase a second allotment of tickets when he was back in Sydney chasing the ace again on Saturday at the Mayflower Mall.

It proved a shrewd move, although Boutilier said he's not sure whether the winning ticket came from his first or second batch.

Afterwards, he described the moment when he realized he has won.

"I was sitting at the food court and I had the phone on, streaming the draw, and I said 'I think I got the winning ticket here,'" said the retired bus driver.

"But I had to get somebody else to check because I didn't have my glasses with me—

### + TICKETY-BOO

#### Volunteers invaluable

Game spokesperson Stephen Tobin said the latest draw went smoothly thanks to more than 240 volunteers.

I wasn't sure of the last two digits, but they said 'Yeah, you got it'."

He took home a cheque written out for \$380,524.

"I'm going to get home now and I'm going to buy a new car," he said, adding that maybe, just maybe, he might get the opportunity to visit the area of France where his ancestors came from.

Boutilier had a chance to claim an even larger sum when he stepped onstage to select one of the six remaining cards in the deck. Had he chosen the ace of spades he would have won an additional \$2,453,667. But, the card he selected was the king of spades, meaning the jackpot, now forecast to exceed \$2.6 million, will be carried over to the next draw on May 7. TC MEDIA

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# Getting inked for a cause

## DONATIONS

### Adept Tattoos does Animal Charity Day



**Rebecca Dingwell**  
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Rebecca Heller was one of many clients waiting to get tattooed for a good cause at Adept Tattoos and Body Piercing Studio on Saturday.

"It's super cool, because I found many tattoo artists and people in this industry really love animals," said Heller, who showed up to the event because of her "love for animals and tattoos."

Both the Halifax and Bedford locations of Adept were participating in Animal Charity Day — a day where clients walk in, choose a piece from one of the artists' flash sheets and fund an animal-related charity of their choosing with a minimum donation of \$100.

"It really shows (the artists') love for animals if they're will-



Cassie MacDonald tattoos a crab design on Troy Palmer during Animal Charity Day at Adept on Saturday. REBECCA DINGWELL/FOR METRO

ing to donate their time to do it," said Heller.

Heller is no stranger to ink — she already had 10 tattoos. While initially thinking about a bird design, she decided to go with a tea kettle.

This year's Animal Charity Day was the second of its kind

at Adept, with proceeds going to Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada, 10,000 Carrots Rabbit Rescue and Imake a Difference rhino protection and conservation.

"A lot of people are donating more (than the minimum), which is very appreciated,"

said Lauren Foote, the manager at Adept's Quinpool Road location.

"We tattoo all year long — it's OK to donate one day ... to help the animals out."

Rebecca O'Quinn, one of the artists at Adept, is an animal lover herself and was happy

"I know that tattoos are kind of intimidating at times, so I find when people come to events like this ... they're kind of more inclined to get something."

Rebecca O'Quinn

to take part.

"Donating your time to do something like this — you're already doing something that you love," said O'Quinn. "So, why not do it for something else that you love, like animals."

O'Quinn's flash sheets were mainly made up of nature-themed designs. This kind of art has already been popular with her clients lately.

"The thing that's really in right now is simple flower designs," said O'Quinn. The simple pieces, she added, gives time to tattoo more clients during the daylong event.

## ROADS

### Man dead after van goes off road, hits stump

RCMP in southwestern Nova Scotia say a 55-year-old man is dead following a single-vehicle crash.

Police say the accident involving a cube van occurred Friday night on Pleasant Street in Yarmouth.

Officers arrived at the scene to find the van had left the road and hit a tree stump before ending up between two homes.

He was the lone occupant of the vehicle.

Police say the cause of the crash remains under investigation.

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## + FATALITY

The victim, who was from Yarmouth, was pronounced dead at the scene.

# A PRIDE AS DEEP AS THE ATLANTIC.



QUEEN'S MARQUEE

# Candidate a 'serious underdog'

## MUNICIPAL POLITICS

### Metro spoke to Lil MacPherson about her vision for the HRM



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

Restaurant co-owner Lil MacPherson wants to bring climate change and green innovation to the forefront on a municipal level. After helping with Mike Savage's successful campaign for mayor, she is now looking to throw her "hat in the ring".

**METRO:** When did running first occur to you?

**LM:** It first occurred to me when I went to a United Nations climate conference.

I've gone to three now and they all have a massive effect on anyone that goes.

It's really quite amazing ... The [2009] Copenhagen was the first thing that I really started to think about when they started talking about the power of municipalities, the power of mayors, and how we are basically on the ground zero of climate change.

I was really excited because I thought 'wow, we can do this' ... we're our own government, and together — 400,000 people live here — we can do great change together, great change.

Mike Savage ended up doing the last run, I helped him on his campaign ... I'm glad I didn't run at that time because it wasn't good timing for me ... I go to Paris, the next climate confer-



Wooden Monkey owner Lil MacPherson talked to Metro about how it first occurred to her to run for mayor while attending a UN climate conference. JEFF HARPER/METRO

ence, and I was just blown away. I was giggling with excitement about what was happening on the planet.

Every country in the world just signed this Paris accord, and ... I was very proud to be there and we all realized — this came from our own climate change minister McKenna — she's saying there's now going to be a trillion dollars of green businesses.

I call it the green tsunami of jobs that's going to be sliding all over this planet, and I've seen the technologies, the innovations, the brilliant minds, and the things that they're inventing are really exciting, you wouldn't believe it.

I felt like I was in the future

**"I'm a business owner. It's extremely hard to open a small business, there's no help at all. We're not even getting any credit for the massive part of the economy that we give. Lil MacPherson"**

and was like 'I want this for us.' I want this, and I come back home and hear nothing. No one's even mentioning the word climate change, or green innovation, and we are not ready for this tsunami, we're not.

**METRO:** How so?

**LM:** I'm a business owner. It's extremely hard to open a small business, there's no help at all.

We're not even getting any credit for the massive part of the economy that we give. We're 80 per cent of the economy, and we don't have any help. The commercial tax is killing us, and there's different rules for different people, and I don't like that.

I want us to be able to have the same rules as the larger buildings, I know they get taxed differently.

It's our time and we have to prepare.

If we're not preparing people are going to fly over us, they're going to go 'nope, it's really hard to open a business there, no they're not very green-minded, their arms aren't open, nope,' and it's a shame.

I'm very excited about the future, and if we are brave enough ... to open that climate change book, there's a massive green economy in there waiting for us ... I'm ready for a new city. I'm really excited so coming back I realized okay, I need to throw my hat in the ring.

Mike (Savage) is a smart man, I know him, he's a good man and the councillors are hard working.

I just don't think they have the finger ... on climate change to know what's coming. It's called mitigation on climate change, adaptation. I want them to think differently, I want a whole new culture in there.

**METRO:** Did the issues around the new downtown convention centre and construction pique your interest in becoming mayor?

**LM:** Of course. When I stand, I stand for all small businesses and I see them struggling and I see some real unfair things there ... I'm very pro-development, we all just want the right development at the right time, and to be respected for everyone.

The economy that surrounds that development needs to be in the equation because you can't put an economy in and take the economy around it down.

It makes no sense, so we have to be very careful how we develop our city. We just have to keep everyone in mind, it's about the whole beehive.

**METRO:** What are your thoughts on the success of your campaign? Are you hoping you might have a chance?

**LM:** I think I'm a serious underdog, but I've been an underdog before in my life and that's OK, and we'll see.

But I'm hoping to inspire some excitement and ideas with the people of Halifax and the whole HRM — saying 'wow, you mean we can do this and we can do that? Wow,' because we don't know.

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## LEGISLATION

### Act to ensure access in public spaces, restrict use of the label

Nova Scotia is moving to certify service dogs, protecting the growing number of people who have trained service dogs by restricting those who get to claim that status for their pets.

Justice Minister Diana Whalen outlined the Service Dog Act on Friday, saying the new law will ensure users won't be denied access to public places such as grocery stores or buses or refused tenancy rights.

"It ensures that all service- and guide-dog users are treated with the respect in public that they need to be," said Medric Cousineau, one of several certified service-dog users on hand for the announcement at Province House.

"Conversely, the public has a right to ensure that those dogs that share their public spaces ... truly are what they are supposed to be."

The legislation makes Nova Scotia one of the few provinces to offer such protections for people who need the animals.

Whalen said it became clear during consultations last summer that rules were needed for people who use the dogs for a range of medical and emotional needs, such as epilepsy, post-traumatic stress disorder and anxiety.

"Service dogs are highly trained medical aids that provide their handlers with a level of support that is essential to their daily activities," she said, as half a dozen service dogs wearing special vests slept in front of her at their handlers' feet.

"People who rely on service dogs are facing increasing difficulties associated with discrimination." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Medric Cousineau and his service dog, Thai. Cousineau was one of several certified users present for the announcement. METRO FILE

## MILLWOOD HIGH

### Man charged over school gun scare

Police have laid a charge of conspiracy to commit murder in relation to the Millwood High School gun scare earlier this month.

Nova Scotia RCMP say Jonathan Murray, 18, of Dartmouth has been charged with conspiracy to commit murder in the case in which a bag full of weapons was found in a wooded area near the school.

"We are doing the best we can. We are working with the school board, with students, trying to get information from social media," RCMP spokeswoman Cpl. Jennifer

Clarke said Friday.

Murray has previously been charged with uttering threats in relation to this incident, as well as luring.

Police said on April 5 they received a tip from a member of the public that there were people with firearms in the area of the school as well as Millwood Elementary in Middle Sackville.

Officers later found a duffel bag with two long guns and two BB-type guns inside, along with some ammunition.

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## IN BRIEF

### Independent review called into Truro toddler's death

The Nova Scotia justice department has announced an independent review into how the Crown and police handled the death of a three-year-old Truro girl in 2005.

Police laid a manslaughter charge after Samantha Mercer died of a head injury

at her Truro home, but the accused was acquitted after a judge ruled there was insufficient evidence to support the Crown's theory of what happened.

Justice Minister Diana Whalen won't provide details but told CTV the review has been called because new information has come to light. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# How one mom's belly pic ended up online

PRIVACY

## Woman's photo lands on porn site after being catfished

Evan Matthews  
For Metro | Winnipeg

A woman from Winnipeg, Man. says she was shocked to find out photos she sent to someone she thought was a friend ended up on a pregnancy porn site.

Tracey Drexler, a mother of two, says she is pregnant with twins. She said she went online looking for Facebook groups who could provide her with advice on birthing twins, and found a group called Life With Twins.

"I've gotten lots of good advice on there. Being a first time

twin-mom, you don't really know what to expect," said Drexler. "It's been helpful in a lot of ways."

Drexler was commenting on a thread along with another pregnant mother.

The woman commenting with Drexler befriended her on Facebook, and they started discussing their pregnancies. Drexler didn't think twice about sending a belly photo, she said.

"It was definitely innocent to start, like, she's just another mom, right?" said Drexler.

But innocent soon turned creepy.

"She asked about my nipples and how they were changing, and then she asked to see a photo," she said. "We kind of stopped talking then."

A short time later, Drexler noticed the group make a post about not allowing belly photos in the group due to people catfishing photos of pregnant

women. Attached to the post was a link to a site called prego-phillia.com.

"I remembered I had shared my picture with the creepy (person)," said Drexler. "I clicked on the link and went through the website. I found a photo of me."

Drexler said she sent the web-

people you don't know," she said. "If you do... you put yourself and (your) information at greater risk online."

She said even if someone is sharing pictures with you online, you shouldn't feel the need to send any back. If you suspect the person is fake or catfishing,

**“It was definitely innocent to start, like, she's just another mom, right?”**  
Tracey Drexler

site an email and they took her photo down.

Susie Parker, social media strategist for Sparker Strategy Group, said there are certain things all people – not just pregnant women, should keep in mind when dealing with people online.

"Don't accept requests from

you should report the profile to Facebook, she said.

"If you feel harassed or unsafe, block the profile," she said.

Drexler said while pregnancy is a beautiful thing, other mothers-to-be should make sure they have appropriate privacy settings.

"I'm a lot more paranoid now," she said.



Tracey Drexler says her photo ended up on a pregnancy porn site. CONTRIBUTED

FIRST NATIONS

# Teenager wants to see positive changes for Attawapiskat

Thirteen-year-old Sheridan Hookimaw killed herself on the banks of the river that flows through Attawapiskat, ultimately sparking a crisis that has now drawn international attention to her isolated First Nations community.

The sickly girl, who had to be flown out weekly for medical appointments, recorded video messages to her family saying

she wanted to end her pain, and telling them not to blame themselves.

Since then, as many as 100 others in Attawapiskat — a community of 2,100 people — have apparently tried to kill themselves, sparking panic among the First Nation's leaders, who recently declared a state of emergency in a desperate cry for help.

Among them is the big sister Sheridan left behind.

"Every morning when I wake up, when I don't see my sister there or when I don't hear her voice, I feel so lonely without her," Rebecca Hookimaw, 16, says at the home they shared.

Beyond the grievous personal loss, Hookimaw's acquaintance with desolation runs deep.

She grew up with her grand-

parents rather than with her mom and dad, she says.

Her background has also helped her understand why her peers — most from damaged families living in overcrowded, frequently substandard houses in which drug and alcohol addictions wreak havoc — might want to kill themselves.

But Sheridan's death also prompted the young woman to

try to turn her life around. Now she wants other teens to know that suicide is not the answer.

"If you ever think about taking your life away, don't do it," Hookimaw says. "Suicide ends your pain but it will go on to somebody else, and it's just going to keep on going."

"I hope everything changes in Attawapiskat one day."

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Woodpecker is one of the dogs rescued from the illegal meat trade in Asia that arrived in Vancouver late Saturday night. COURTESY SANDI COUSINS

# Rescued dogs get a second chance

## ANIMALS

### Five saved, but thousands still smuggled for food each year



**Thandi Fletcher**  
Metro | Vancouver

Five dogs rescued from the illegal meat trade in Asia are being given a new leash on life in British Columbia.

The animals, which were brought here by Vancouver-based animal rescue group Leading Each Animal Safely Home, or LEASH, arrived at Vancouver International Airport late Saturday night.

LEASH worked with the Soi Dog Foundation, a Thailand-based non-profit organization that rescued the dogs from being trafficked into the meat industry in that region.

"The dog meat trade is a huge industry there," Cassi MacDonald,

ald, team member for LEASH, told Metro. "It's horrifying. It's absolutely devastating because to us, dogs are our companions. They're our friends ... and it's sad to imagine our companions going through such things."

Although eating dog meat is illegal in Thailand, tens of thousands of dogs are smuggled from the country every year to neighbouring regions, for human consumption.



**Hey buddy, this is the beginning of your new life.**

Sandi Cousins, to her new best friend Woodpecker

MacDonald said the dogs, which have all received veterinary checkups and the necessary vaccinations before arriving in Canada, will stay in foster homes for about five to eight weeks until they are ready for adoption.

Cathy Zaste, who met the dogs at the airport, said she broke down in tears as soon as the animals entered the arrivals terminal around 11 p.m.

She and husband Al, who also own a pet supply store, are fostering one of the dogs, an eight-year-old pup named Buster. The couple is also temporarily caring for another dog, Cherish, until she can be placed in another foster home.

Although the dogs had spent less than a day in their home, the Maple Ridge couple said the animals already seemed to be adjusting well, spending much of Sunday curled up at their feet.

The same rings true for Sandi Cousins, who took mixed-breed pup Woodpecker into her Burnaby home as a foster.

Cousins said she immediately bonded with the pooch.

"I stuck my finger in his cage ... and he came up and gave me a lick," she said. "I just wanted to get him out of there and get him home, and tell him, 'Hey buddy, this is the beginning of your new life.'"

## MARIJUANA

# Dispensaries a municipal muddle

A recent spike in the number of storefront marijuana dispensaries in parts of the country is prompting calls for the government to regulate an area not covered by current legislation.

The Canadian Association of Medical Cannabis Dispensaries estimates there are at least 350 such storefronts in Canada, with dozens opening in Toronto alone in the past few months.

Opponents say the storefront dispensaries are tech-

nically illegal and should be closed immediately.

But medical marijuana advocates say the answer is to introduce regulations to standardize the quality of the product they sell and the criteria for clients looking to buy it.

They say dispensaries fill a huge void for Canadians not covered by existing laws governing medical pot either distributed by mail or grown at home.

Advocates say they hope the burgeoning industry will be

regulated when Ottawa moves to legalize marijuana next year.

The association's outgoing president, Jamie Shaw, said the recent surge has caught several municipalities by surprise even though the factors that allowed them to flourish have been in place for some time.

Shaw attributes the popularity of dispensaries to both a long-standing need for medical marijuana and existing Canadian laws that make it difficult for patients to obtain it.

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# One year since deadly quake

NEPAL

## Millions still living without permanent shelters

People gathered Sunday at the remains of a historic tower in Nepal's capital that collapsed in a devastating earthquake a year ago, as Nepalese held memorial services to mark the anniversary of a disaster that killed nearly 9,000 people and left millions homeless.

Minor protests were also held, with demonstrators angry at the slow rate of reconstruction in the wake of the magnitude-7.8 quake that ravaged vast areas of Nepal.

Participating in the memorial ceremonies were people who lost loved ones in the quake, and others who simply came to pray for those killed.

About 100 protesters scuffled with riot police outside the prime minister's office demonstrating against the slow reconstruction of the homes. More than 600,000 homes were destroyed and around 185,000



Family members of earthquake victims pray during a Buddhist ceremony to commemorate the victims of last year's magnitude-7.8 quake that hit Nepal. GETTY IMAGES

damaged in the quake.

"Government, where is reconstruction. Open the gates of the government," the protesters chanted as they tried to force their way through a police barricade.

According to the International Federation of Red Cross and

Red Crescent Societies, an estimated 4 million people are still living in sub-standard temporary shelters in conditions that pose a threat to their health and well-being. Only 661 families have received the first installment of a 200,000-rupee (\$1,868) government grant,

getting 50,000 rupees (\$467) so far.

Nepal has made almost no progress in rebuilding from the quake despite foreign donors pledging more than \$4 billion in aid during a donors' conference last year. The government, in disarray for nearly

a decade, has not regrouped enough to be a strong force for reconstruction.

Out of the \$4.1 billion pledged, Nepal has so far received just \$1.28 billion. The delay in getting the money has been blamed on the government taking months to set up the National Reconstruction Authority, which was done only in December.

Finance Minister Bishnu Prasad Paudel said the delay was because it was necessary to conduct a detailed survey of the damaged houses before reconstruction could begin.

"Nepal had signed a written commitment in black and white that there would not be any reconstruction without the detailed beneficiary survey during the donor's meeting," Paudel said Friday.

"But until the detailed beneficiary survey was completed, there was no way we could go ahead with the actual reconstruction."

Now that the work is completed in 11 of the 14 districts affected by the earthquake, work will proceed at full speed, Paudel said.

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FLORIDA

## Employee to blame for own death: Zoo

A Florida zoo official says an employee who was killed by a tiger earlier this month didn't follow zoo policy.

Palm Beach Zoo CEO Andrew Aiken said that zoo policy prohibits zookeepers from entering an enclosure to which a tiger has access.

Stacey Konwiser, 38, was killed April 15 when a male Malayan tiger attacked her in the enclosure known as the night house, where tigers sleep and are fed. Aiken said Konwiser entered the part of the night house "after it was clearly designated as accessible by a tiger."

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Stacey Konwiser

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# Bloody weekend in the U.S.

From a shooting at a Wisconsin high-school prom to slain family members, this weekend in the U.S. saw at least 14 people dead, including gunmen. Investigations into all the shootings are still ongoing. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



## WISCONSIN

### Dream night turns into a nightmare

An 18-year-old man opened fire with a high-powered rifle outside of a high school prom in northern Wisconsin, wounding two students before a police officer who was in the parking lot fatally shot him, authorities said Sunday.

Investigators did not say whether they believe the two students were specifically targeted or discuss a possible motive for the shooting. But a school administrator said it appeared that the gunman — identified as Jakob E. Wagner — intended to go into the dance and start shooting randomly.

The two prom-goers who were wounded were shot as they exited the building, according to Eric Roller, the chief of police in Antigo, a community of about 8,000 people roughly 150 miles north of Milwaukee.



## GEORGIA

### 'A ticking time bomb'

The daughter of a northeast Georgia man suspected of shooting five people to death before killing himself said her father was a "ticking time bomb."

Lauren Hawes told The Associated Press on Saturday that she and her 1-year-old daughter hid in a neighbour's house — barely escaping with their lives — while her father, Wayne Anthony Hawes, 50, went on a bloody rampage and killed five people, including her grandmother and cousin.

Capt. Andy Shedd of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office said that the shootings stemmed from a domestic dispute that left three men and two women dead at two separate locations. The body of shooting suspect Hawes was recovered Saturday by authorities.



## OHIO

### 'A pre-planned execution'

Residents of the rural southern Ohio community of Piketon are rattled by a rare major crime that took the lives of eight members of a tight-knit family in the area.

Authorities were still trying Sunday to find out who targeted the seven adults and teenage boy and why. Their bodies were found Friday at four different homes near Piketon, about 60 miles south of Columbus.

Attorney General Mike DeWine said Sunday the slayings were "a pre-planned execution" and he expects the investigation will be lengthy.

## EGYPT

### Defend the state, El-Sissi urges

Egypt's president urged citizens to defend the state and its institutions from the "forces of evil" on Sunday, a day before planned demonstrations against his policies, including the transfer of two Red Sea islands to Saudi Arabia.

In a widely televised speech, Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi insisted on the need for stability in the Arab

world's most populous country, saying that attempts to degrade it "won't be successful" if Egypt stands united.

"We must protect these institutions because these mean the state," he said. "I am reiterating to the Egyptian people this is the responsibility of all of us, for us to protect this security

and stability."

Earlier this month, thousands marched against el-Sissi's policies in the largest demonstrations since he assumed office in 2014. The protests featured slogans such as "leave," and "down with the regime," used in the 2011 uprising that toppled Hosni Mubarak. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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NAHEED NENSHI

## Recording could be a felony: Lawyer



**Brodie Thomas**  
Metro | Calgary

Secretly recording a conversation is not cool under Massachusetts law. But calling someone a “d—” is not a problem.

That’s according to Boston-based lawyer Howard Cooper, who spoke to Metro about the potential legal fallout of a recording made of Mayor Naheed Nenshi last week in Boston.

A Lyft driver who picked up the mayor had the live-streaming app Periscope running on a device. Nenshi had no idea he was being broadcast, and spoke candidly about his thoughts on the ride-sharing company Uber.

Cooper said under Massachusetts law, it is a felony to secretly

ly record the audio of another person’s voice, without their consent.

He said there is even a famous case where a man made a recording of police harassing him during a traffic stop because he had long hair. The man took the recording to police to lay a complaint and was charged with a felony.

As for what the mayor said about Uber CEO Travis Kalanick, there’s really no legal problems there, according to Cooper.

Mayor Nenshi will now have some explaining to do at Council Monday about how the city tested Uber’s screening system. In the video, Nenshi said sex offenders were hired to apply to Uber — something he later backtracked on in a statement.



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# Rage against the automated machine

ROBOTS

## Fears rise of a takeover by automated workers

Hype about robots — from artificially intelligent therapists to burrito-delivery drones — has surged recently amid increased investment from tech giants such as Facebook, Google and Amazon.

With so much high-profile coverage, it’s no wonder fears have also soared that automated helpers could put us out of work. A recent Pew Institute study said more than two-thirds of Americans think that most jobs will be done by robots or computers

in 50 years. But according to at least one expert, a full-fledged robot workplace invasion will not happen anytime soon.

“I scream when I see colleagues say that robots are going to replace people and be mimicking their brain,” said Andrew Goldenberg, professor emeritus in mechanical engineering at the University of Toronto. “To compete with people from a certain level of skills and up? Give me a break.”

The reason is that there are many limitations to machine learning. Robots are much better at learning tasks that can be memorized and have strict rules and structures: they can breeze through the math portion of an SAT, but would flunk the essay section.

However, robots replacing

some manufacturing jobs — once the foundation of a middle-class life — has been happening for decades.

“In the auto industry we’ve seen the march of automation and increasing labour productivity rapidly for the last several decades,” said Bill Murnighan, director of research at Unifor, Canada’s biggest union.

Canada is producing about the same number of vehicles as it was two decades ago, with a quarter fewer workers. The lion’s share of the change has come from new technology, including robots, said Murnighan.

It’s a scenario that’s become increasingly familiar to workers in the service industry, such as those in fast food, call centres, retail and bank tellers.

The White House’s Council

of Economic Advisers projected earlier this year that people making less than \$20 an hour have an 83 per cent chance of losing their job to a robot, while the odds for those earning less than \$40 are 30 per cent.

Even education might not be the protection from creeping automation it was once thought to be. A McKinsey & Co. study found most of what most of us do at work is repetitive and rote. That means robots might not entirely replace our jobs, but rather a lot of what we do.

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### THE QUESTION

**A friend I've known since moving to Canada, who is deeply embedded in my social circle, makes me uncomfortable. He's rowdy and rude, and creepy toward my wife. Should I dump him? Can I?**

Dear Ellen,

One of my oldest friends (I've known him since I came to Canada 11 years ago) is also from my country and shares connections with my people back home. But he does drugs to the point where I feel uncomfortable around him, and behaves in a horribly rowdy and rude manner. Also he is touchy-feely, really quite creepy, towards my wife, making suggestive comments and hugging her in an overly drawn-out and grabby way. My wife feels very skeeved out by this, but won't say anything as he's my friend. Unfortunately, his sister and my wife's stepbrother are together, and he's embedded in my social circle.

Should I dump him? How can I dump him?

Rakib, Toronto

Dear Rakib,

At some point, many of us look at certain friends and realize that if we met them now, there's no way we'd have anything to do with them. Whether it's their idiotic politics, crude manners, overweening narcissism, deadly dull conversation, or lack of personal hygiene we can't stand, the fact is we could live happily see the last of them tomorrow.

But if they're childhood friends, or family friends, or the "friends by default" we tend to accumulate through our social circles, we often accept them for who they are.

**With friends past their shelf life, it can be less hurtful if you just politely evaporate over time.**

You might even argue that it does us good to make room for all types in our lives.

As for friends who don't fit any of those categories, who may have crossed us in some way, or who add nothing but empty social obligation to our lives, and to whom we owe nothing, it is perfectly justifiable to let the friendship go.

The sleazy loser you're describing fits into the last category, and deserves to be dumped immediately.

Alas, with the extenuating circumstances you've described, I admit this won't be easy.

If he was a reasonable person who wasn't embedded in your life, I'd recommend you simply back off. When you repeatedly find excuses not to get together with someone, they'll usually take the hint and stop asking. Note: This is not allowed in romantic relationships, where you are

obliged to explicitly tell your soon-to-be ex you want to break up, and then bear the brunt of any last words/objects they want to fling at you.

But with friends past their shelf life, it can be easier and less hurtful for both parties if you just politely evaporate over time. As a friend who's both dumped and been dumped, I can tell you this method works like a charm. In a couple of cases, it took me years to realize I'd been dumped at all! But the passage of time and my own (narcissistic?) powers of denial definitely helped to alleviate the sting.

Unfortunately for you, Rakib, the wife-groping, drug-taking, ill-mannered clod in your life is likely incapable of taking a hint. Even if you confront him directly, and unfriend him in person, he sounds like the type of jerk who'd stir up trouble among your surrounding friends and

family.

What might work is if you address his behaviour on a case-by-case basis. If your wife can't bring herself to tell him not to grope her, you can ask him to be more respectful the next time he does it. When he's high, tell him you don't want to be around him. When he's rowdy and rude, call him out on his words and actions.

Keep it short and sweet, calm and polite. He may counterattack with ridicule or anger, so let him, shrug it off, and move on. Do not engage or argue. Consistently react with lecturing disapproval every time he reoffends.

With any luck at all, he'll soon find you to be a boring, self-righteous nag, and want to start avoiding you altogether.

Problem solved.

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

**You gotta be pretty good with women to be as sexy as Prince was**

Among all the other things more eloquently explained by hundreds of other people by now, Prince was a sexual god.

It's not an academic premise; it's a visceral fact. His music forces movement from secret, erogenous places, outwards. You tingle. You hum. Then you dance.

And it's anything but conventional titillation. Pansexuality is a decidedly dull and ubiquitous phrase for the fluid and erotic way he played with gender and desire. Prince's sexiness was dirty, and highly feminine, but also fundamentally loving in a way that is desperately lacking in the sex appeal of mainstream pop culture today.

For women, and really anyone who's not a hetero-male, and even hetero-males, his femme-sex-positiveness is still radical.

"Prince put women in his band. Thirty years ago," tweeted my friend, Helen Spitzer, on the news of Prince's death. "He wrote a sexy, beautiful song called 'If I was yr girlfriend.' I don't want to overstate this (cannot be overstated) but Prince thought women's orgasms were important."

"As a young woman it was very obvious to you he was women-focused, very female-centric on how he conceived of sexiness," Helen added when I called her up.

Which isn't to say he wasn't also masculine. Somehow, while lounging naked in a

feminine pose, one hand delicately covering a bare nipple, he gave us a single outlet for sexual desires that would otherwise run in wildly opposite, or looping, or disjointed directions. Hard and soft.

He was also "genuinely sexually curious, in an utterly respectful way," Helen noted. And that was the other side of his sexual perfection. Its openness. Its authenticity. Its dignity, even when it was nasty. Its adoration of sexuality itself. "Sexuality is all we ever need," he sings in the aptly titled "Sexuality." And the "we" there is key — while Prince was having an orgasmic time, he wanted everyone else to, too.

Politically speaking, it's not exactly clear whether Prince always believed in the free erotic glory he embodied. A 2008 New Yorker profile suggested he disapproved of gay marriage. But from the reaction to his death, that is no match for his actual, deep and expansive legacy of sexual and gender freedom.

And, it should also be said, love. For at least the last three years, I've listened on repeat to Call My Name. Leaning hard on slow soulfulness, it is the perfect love song. Lust-love, heart-love, soul-love. The way your name, on the lips of your lover, "let me know that my name had never really been spoken before."

"Baby would you call it! Call my name," he begs. "... Prince."

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## 'There are no jobs' for new grads

### EDUCATION

### Even qualified engineers are feeling the oil price pinch

Shady Hashem travelled part-way around the world to study as a mine engineer in Canada, at times paying triple the local tuition and working at a call centre to put himself through school, only to graduate in one of the worst job markets in recent memory.

"There are no jobs," said Hashem, 28.

"I talk to a lot of engineers, and the expected time to get a job is between six months and a year."

He came to Calgary to look for work after finishing classes at Halifax's Dalhousie University in December, hoping to find something in Alberta's oilsands with his co-op work experience at Syncrude last summer. But postings are slim, and he hasn't heard anything back after applying for 50 or so jobs in recent weeks.

"I'm applying everywhere, but I haven't heard back from anybody yet, not even an email that says, 'Sorry, this position has been filled,'" said Hashem. "That's very frustrating."

Hashem, originally from Egypt but now a permanent resident of Canada, is one of the many recent engineering grads who are struggling to find jobs in the aftermath of the global oil price plunge.



Shady Hashem, who did a co-op placement with Alberta's Syncrude, graduated from engineering at Dalhousie University into one of the worst job markets in recent memory. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Those still in school looking for work experience also face a daunting market as summer approaches.

Colleen Bangs, manager of career services at the University of Calgary, said only about a third of the 659 engineering students at the school have found placements for their year-long internships as com-

panies cut back on campus recruitment.

"Something I've noticed, particularly in this last semester, is that there's a bit of an impending feeling of doom," said Bangs.

That's in stark contrast to the situation just a couple years ago, when the industry was booming.

"Now it's a bit more sombre... It's a lot slower, much like we're seeing in the general marketplace," Bangs said.

Several companies are cutting back on student hirings. Suncor said it's reduced hiring compared with recent years without giving specifics, while Cenovus Energy said it isn't hiring any students at all for

now, paid or unpaid.

Cenovus spokesman Brett Harris said in an email that the company suspended the program given the challenging economic environment, which has resulted in more than 30 per cent of the company's overall workforce being cut since the end of 2014.

It's not all doom and gloom,

however.

At the University of Alberta, close to 70 per cent of the 1,300 students looking for four-month co-op placements have found them, said assistant professor Tim Joseph at the university's school of mining and petroleum engineering.

Joseph said he's hoping to get more than 80 per cent of students in co-ops this summer, compared with a peak of 96 per cent in the boom years. Students who can't find placements risk losing their spot in the co-op program, and graduating without work experience.

But even those graduating with experience are struggling, said Joseph, as they look for those elusive long-term, full-time jobs. He recently asked for a show of hands in the graduating class of about 850 of those who had a job lined up, and said only about 20 per cent raised their hands.

Hashem was fortunate enough to find co-op placements throughout his program, so has some savings to live on, but he's cut back on expenses where he can.

With few jobs to apply for, he's spending most of his time these days trying to further improve his skills, taking an online course on project manager principles so he can apply for civil engineering jobs.

He said he has up days and down days as he tries to stay focused and optimistic.

"I'm doing my best," he said. "I'm improving my qualifications, but I'm still waiting."

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# Beyoncé proves she's still queen

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## Surprise album Lemonade is intoxicating

Beyoncé doesn't simply release albums anymore, she unleashes events.

And so it was this weekend, amid deep mourning for a lost icon, music's queen dropped *Lemonade*, an arresting display of what technically qualifies as videos and singles, but is better described as a work of art that appeared deeply personal, yet is a bold social and political statement as well.

It contains revenge anthems for scorned wives, a requiem for side chicks, a display of #BlackGirlMagic and support of #BlackLivesMatter, and an ode to forgiveness, all wrapped into an hour-long HBO special Saturday night that would, of course, land on Tidal, the music-streaming service owned by hubby Jay Z, moments after the special ended.

"Are you cheating on me?" Beyoncé's husky voice intones early on. For the first half of *Lemonade*, it seems that Jay Z's 100th problem was here, and unfixable. While Beyoncé has used rumours of infidelity to fuel her music for years, it seemed as if she was spilling all the tea on her much-scrutinized marriage with *Lemonade*.

On "Hold Up," an intoxicating song with an island beat, a smiling Beyoncé takes Crazy in Love to a new level: She smashes a bat on everything around her while reminding her man that other women "don't love you like I love you."

What could come across as



Beyoncé confronts the infidelity rumours swirling around her husband Jay Z head-on in *Lemonade*. EZRA SHAW/GETTY IMAGES

desperate instead becomes empowering, though, in part due to the poetic narrative Beyoncé uses to tie each segment together, as well as the imagery, which is a defiant celebration of the beauty of black women: Dark to light, woolly hair to wavy hair, all looking glorious.

While much of *Lemonade* would appear to tie into Beyoncé's own life, or so she would have us believe, she also draws from the angst of the black community: The mothers of Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown are seen, among others, looking sombre as they hold photos of their slain sons. At another point, she tells the audience via

the voice of Malcolm X that "the most disrespected woman in America is the black woman."

Toward the end of *Formation*, not included on the HBO special but part of the album, Beyoncé intones: "You know you that b— when you cause all this conversation." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The Canadian price to download Beyoncé's video album *Lemonade* from online music provider Tidal.



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

# The cutest, happiest show on television

THE SHOW: *Little Big Shots*, Season 1, Episode 6  
THE MOMENT: The Motown kid

Host Steve Harvey introduces Nathaniel, a teenager who plays young Michael Jackson on Broadway in *The Motown Musical*. Out struts a boy with a smile brighter than the stage lights, wearing a red jacket and a black hat cocked on his forehead. Harvey starts wiggling with glee.

"Ooh, he got swag," he says. "Look at him pop-locking. Notice how he hasn't taken his hand out of his pocket. Player move."

Harvey and Nathaniel chat about how much they love James Brown. Nathaniel pulls on a yellow cape and starts doing a murderously good James Brown dance, complete with splits.

Harvey watches for a minute, open-mouthed. Then he can't help it, he's on his feet. He flings his question card away, and dances along.

*Little Big Shots* is, bar none, the happiest show on the air. It's a formula as old as tele-



*Little Big Shots* host Steve Harvey with pint-sized soul sensation Nathaniel. CONTRIBUTED

vision itself — kids say and do the darndest things — but this iteration from producers Ellen Degeneres and Harvey nails it. First, it's not a competition; everyone gets a standing ovation. Second, Harvey is insanely good at talking to kids.

Most importantly, few of the kids are as talented as Nathaniel. For every string quartet or eerily mature jazz singer, there's

an amateur tap dancer, ventriloquist, or YouTube star who dances funny.

They're not scary-good, just good enough to charm you into beaming at the TV as if you were their grandma.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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# The rejuvenated Barrington Street

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That is where The Roy comes in.

Just steps from their front door, residents of The Roy will be able to walk to the best food, drinks, stores, culture and arts the city has to offer.

"You could go weeks without having to get into your car," says Josh Lerner, Vice President at Starfish Properties. "Cities are best experienced on foot and residents of The Roy will want to experience Halifax this way. It has health benefits and you never know the experiences and people you will encounter."

Downtown Halifax is vibrant and always changing. A few short years ago, the gentrification of Barrington was not on anyone's radar. Now the after-work crowd heads straight there and they have a good time into the wee hours of the night. There's something for everyone: Fine dining, casual dining, and drinks. Looking for cultural experiences? The Neptune Theatre and Art Gallery of Nova Scotia are right there too.

"And with the convention centre coming along, you can feel the energy rising," Lerner says.

There are plenty more new additions on Barrington Street and in the downtown as well.

Urban Outfitters opened last year and it is a hive of activity. The Old Apothecary has the best breads and pastries in the city. Coming soon, The Murphy Group is building a steak house and oyster bar next to Urban Outfitters.



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"We have big plans for the retail component of The Roy comprising of 35,000-plus square feet," Lerner says. "We have a lot of exciting ideas."

When The Roy opens its doors in the spring of 2017, it will be a beacon of the downtown that will be viewed from the bridges or the harbour. Bringing a diverse mix of people who live in the downtown, The Roy will further enhance the energy on Barrington Street and the city.

"We've had a vision for Barrington since we started investing in the street over a decade ago," Lerner says. "Barrington Street is the heart of downtown and it will only continue to become more dynamic with The Roy and the continued transformation of the street-front retail."

## Experience the joy of living at The Roy

When buyers check out all The Roy has to offer they come away extremely impressed.

"There is a disbelief that a project of this caliber is happening in downtown Halifax," says Louis Reznick, President of Starfish Properties. "People feel like they are making their homes in a five-star hotel in a world capital."

From the design to all the little details, The Roy is incredibly unique. Let's start with the amenity floor: It's an entire level, over 10,000 square feet, featuring an indoor swimming pool, fitness center, steam rooms, sauna, treatment room, lounges, theatre, private dining room, guest suite and outdoor lounge areas.

The units themselves are a testimony to modern urban living. Tremendous detail was put into the suite layouts and finishes with ergonomically designed features and high end, European appliances.

"The suites don't even start until the

9th floor — high above the street and vibrancy below so there is privacy and quiet," Reznick says. "Every unit has a terrace and they are large, with tremendous views of the city and harbour."

And you can't beat the location — right in the centre of it all.

The developers and designers of The Roy have the expertise and the experience to make it a world class building.

Starfish Properties has been developing, managing and building properties in Halifax for close to 20 years. Its dedication to Halifax is evident by the work it has done downtown and on Barrington, particularly at Espace and now at The Roy.

U31 is an award-winning interior design firm that is committed to progressive and thought provoking design. They have worked on a range of projects all over Canada and their work on The Roy sales centre was recognized with a National Association of Home Builders Award in 2015.

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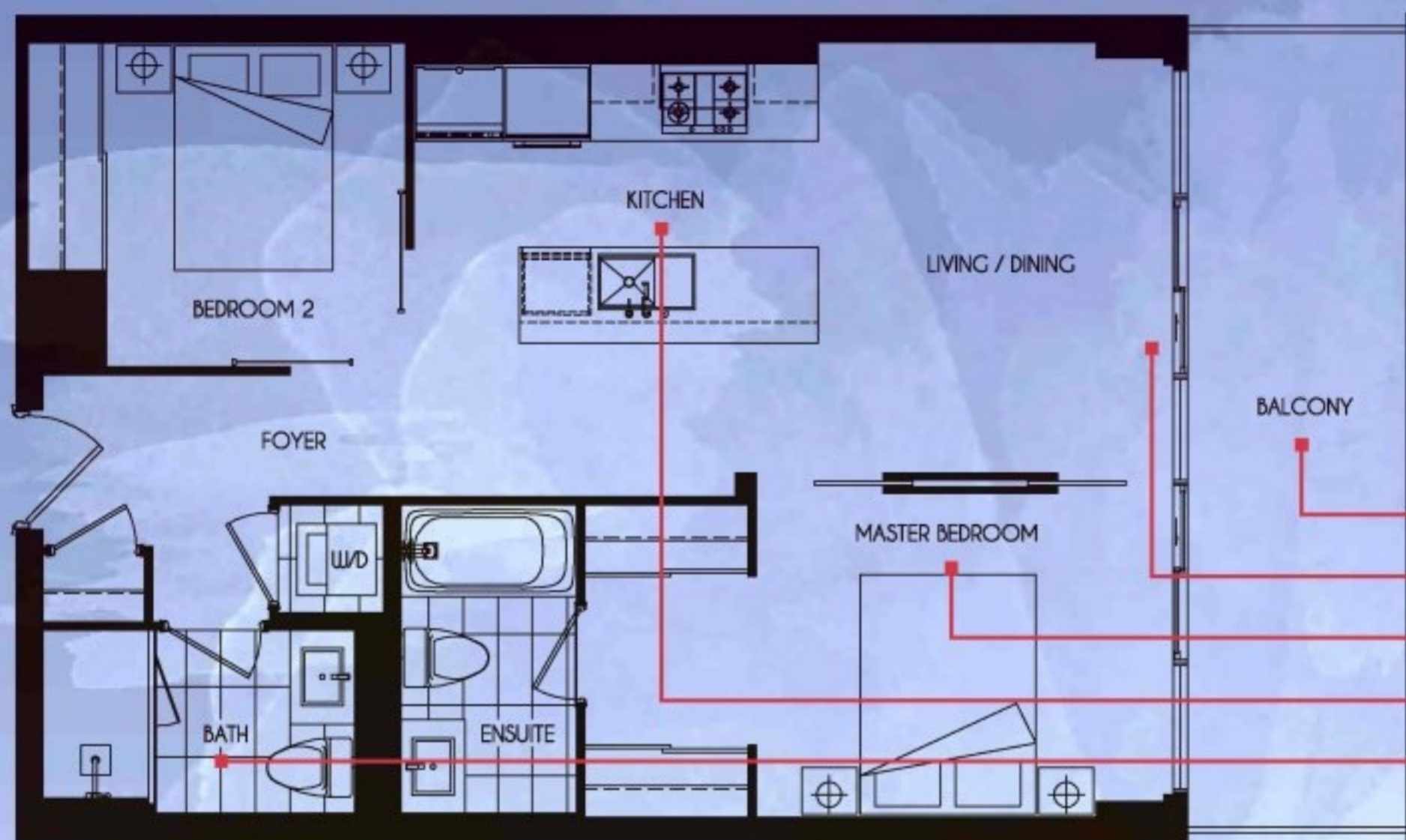
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## THE ROY ON BARRINGTON





Vincent Lecavalier says he still plans to retire this summer, ending a 17-year NHL career in which 1998's No. 1 pick accumulated 949 points

## Canes slowed by Express

NBL CANADA

**Halifax looks to refocus after 5-game winning streak ends**



**Kristen Lipscombe**  
Metro | Halifax

The Halifax Hurricanes played a little too "soft" Sunday at the Scotiabank Centre, giving defending NBL Canada champions the Windsor Express enough room to run away with a 111-93 win.

The Express outscored their competition in all four quarters, handing the Hurricanes their first loss following a five-game winning streak.

"They won, on our home floor, in front of a great fan base," Hurricanes guard Shane Gibson, 26, said following the loss.

It was Halifax's last home game before the playoffs, and one of the team's biggest crowds of the season, with 3,143 fans taking in the hoops action.

"Hats off to them; they played really well," Gibson said.

The six-foot-two, 180-pound Killingly, Conn., native put up 16 points and pulled down four rebounds to help lead the Hurricanes offensively Sunday, but he and his fellow Canes certainly weren't happy with how they played on the court.

"We won't play as soft or as bad as we did tonight," Gibson said of upcoming post-season action.

"We've got to play harder, match every team's intensity (or) if not bring more. That was the problem tonight."

The last time Halifax and



Halifax Hurricanes point guard Justin Johnston sneaks past Windsor Express forward Kirk Williams Jr., left, and point guard Tony Bennett during NBL Canada action Sunday at the Scotiabank Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

### ROAD TRIP

**The Hurricanes' remaining regular-season games:**

**THURSDAY:** 7 p.m. at Moncton Miracles

**FRIDAY:** 7 p.m. at Island Storm (Charlottetown)

**SATURDAY:** 7 p.m. @ Saint John Mill Rats

the former Halifax Rainmen forfeited before the final game due to safety concerns.

But this season's reincarnation of the municipality's NBL Canada franchise is looking forward, not backwards.

"We treat everybody the same," said Hurricanes point guard Justin Johnson, 27, of El Segundo, Calif., who led Halifax with 25 points and added five rebounds Sunday.

Power forward Mike Glover had 15 points and nine rebounds, while forward Billy White scored 10 points and point guard Cliff Clinkscales added nine rebounds.

The Canes fell behind within the first 12 minutes, with the

Express up 32-25 going into the second quarter, and then 57-46 at halftime.

Despite the loud chants of "defence" and cheering from the hometown crowd, and a stronger second half, Windsor maintained an 83-66 lead going into the final quarter.

The Canes kept it close in the fourth, with the Express outscoring them just 28-27, but there wasn't enough time on the clock to make it happen for Halifax.

"They just came to play," six-

foot-two, 157-pound Johnson said of the opposition. "It felt like they (were) on a mission."

The Hurricanes still lead the Atlantic Division with a 27-10 record, and have a chance to end their regular season strong with three games in three days on the road later this week.

"It's definitely going to be tougher than tonight," Johnson said.

"We've just got to stay together. We've just got to get back to practice, and back to the basics."



**We played terrible in both ends, offence and defence.**

—Hurricanes point guard Justin Johnson

### IN BRIEF

**Caps move on to marquee matchup against Pens**

Nicklas Backstrom scored, Braden Holtby had 26 saves, and the Washington Capitals beat the Philadelphia Flyers 1-0 on Sunday in Game 6 to win the series 4-2.

The Capitals will play the Pittsburgh Penguins in the next round, setting up a marquee matchup of Alex Ovechkin vs. Sidney Crosby. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Stars polish off Wild**

Jason Spezza scored his fourth goal of the series and added three assists, and goalie Kari Lehtonen and the Dallas Stars held off the Minnesota Wild 5-4 on Sunday to wrap up the first-round series in six games.

The Stars move on to face the winner of the Chicago-St. Louis series, which is tied at 3. The Blues host the Blackhawks in their decisive Game 7 on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Spurs make quick work of mauling Grizzlies**

Kawhi Leonard scored 21 points as the San Antonio Spurs routed the Memphis Grizzlies 116-95 on Sunday, sweeping the best-of-seven opening-round series.

The Spurs finished off their ninth sweep of a post-season series in franchise history, their third against the Grizzlies.

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**Carrera sparks Blue Jays' bats in series win over A's**

Ezequiel Carrera and Jose Bautista homered Sunday as the Toronto Blue Jays continued to swing a hot bat in a 6-3 victory over the Oakland Athletics.

The Toronto attack, which was sluggish to open the season, woke up against the Athletics with 20 runs, 32 hits and six home runs to win the series two games to one. Carrera, a backup outfielder, helped trigger the offence with seven hits over the three games. THE CANADIAN PRESS



**Ezequiel Carrera**  
GETTY IMAGES

UFC 197

## Cole Harbour's Kelades drops unanimous decision



**Chris Kelades** JEFF HARPER/METRO

Chris Kelades of Cole Harbour stepped into the octagon determined to win, but that just wasn't enough to beat fellow flyweight Sergio Pettis of Milwaukee at UFC 197 in Las Vegas on Saturday night.

Kelades, 35, lost a unanimous decision, with all three judges scoring 30-27 in favour of Pettis, 22, during the pre-show for the main card, which featured Jon Jones defeating

Ovince Saint Preux at the MGM Grand Garden Arena.

"Things didn't go the way I planned tonight, however, it has been a great experience, and life isn't always sunshine and roses," Kelades wrote on his Instagram account Saturday night.

"Big thanks to everyone for the support and encouragement, it means more than you know."

Kelades, five-foot-seven and 125 pounds, had been training out of the American Top Team gym in Coconut Creek, Fla., since early January in preparation for his fourth UFC appearance.

His UFC career got a kick-start in October 2014, when he made his first appearance in front of a home province crowd at UFC Fight Night 54 at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax,

where he won a unanimous decision over Patrick Holohan of Ireland, and earned the Fight of the Night bonus, with an electric crowd cheering on the local MMA fighter.

Kelades, who trains out of Fit Plus gym in Cole Harbour when he's home and has been dubbed the Greek Assassin, is now 2-2 on the UFC circuit and 9-3 overall in his professional career. KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

# RECIPE Kale Salad with Chicken and Blueberries



PHOTO: MAYA VISNVEI

**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

We're holding tight to the if-you-cook-it-spring-will-come philosophy and switching over to a lighter menu. This kale salad gets lots of flavour and texture from chicken and sweet berries.

**Ready in**  
Prep Time: 15 minutes  
Serves: Four

- Ingredients**
- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
  - 1 Tbsp olive oil
  - 1 small head of kale
  - 1 cup blueberries
  - 1 cup pecans, roughly chopped
  - Salad dressing
  - 1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese
  - salt and pepper to taste

## Directions

**1.** Season chicken with a pinch of salt and pepper. Grill breasts on the barbecue or a grill pan for about 5 minutes a side until they are cooked through. Set aside.

**2.** Wash kale and use a sharp knife to cut out the rib of each leaf. Slice the leaves horizontally into ribbons. Drizzle with a bit of olive oil, toss, then massage leaves for a minute or two.

**3.** Cut chicken into bite-sized pieces. Toss the chicken, berries and pecans in with the kale. Pour a small amount of salad dressing over and toss. Crumble the goat cheese over the salad. Place the extra dressing on the table for anyone who would like a little more on their salad.

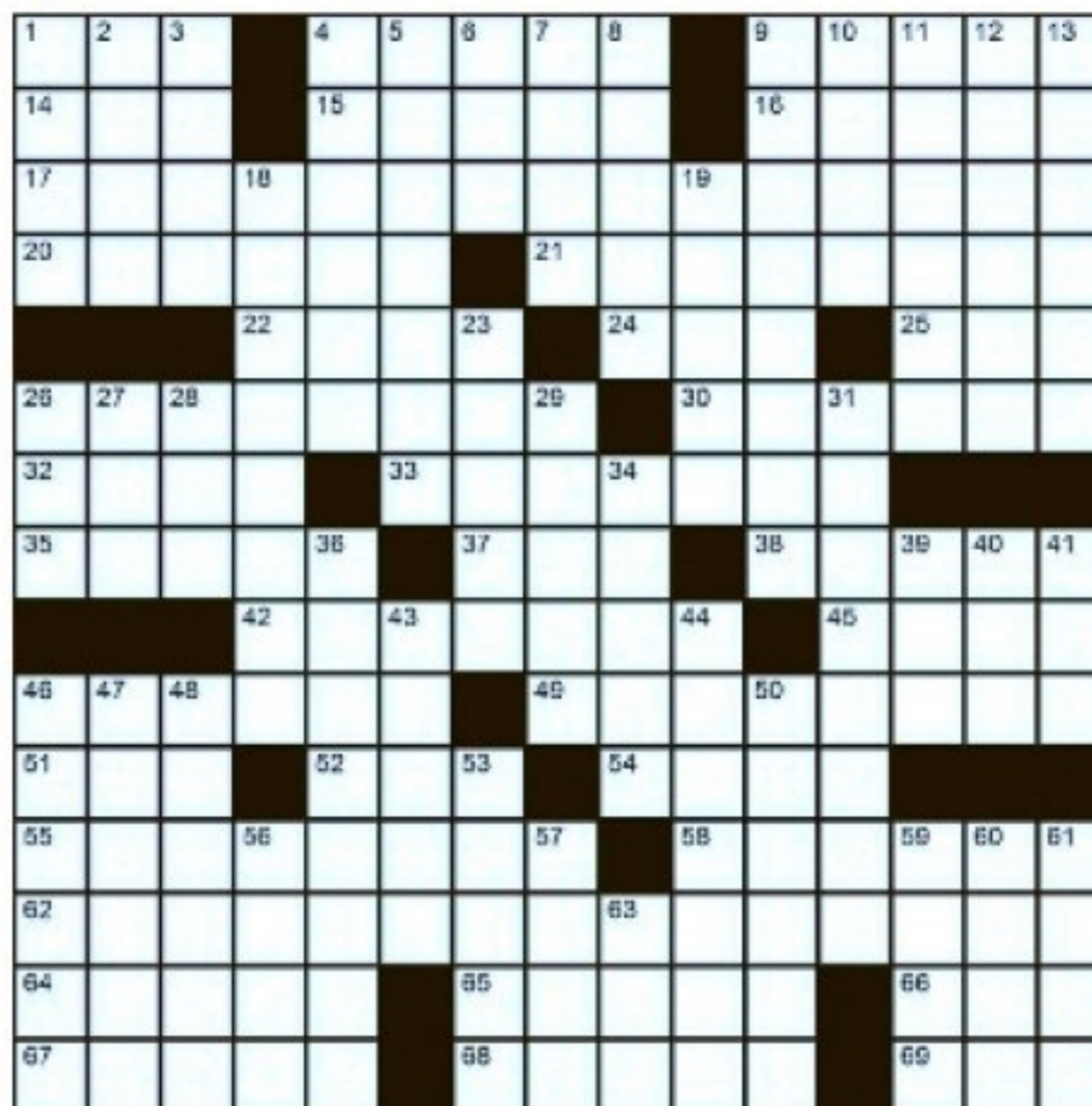
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- Jason of "The Lost Boys" (1987)
- One trusting another with info
- Above
- US medicine watchdog
- Canadian language, e.g.
- Spot for a stop on a road trip: 2 wds.
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- "...the Groove" by Madonna
- "American Idol" alum who famously sported a faux-hawk
- Particular pears
- France: Le Chateau ... (Castle attraction in Upper Normandy)
- Misses in Madrid, mini-ly
- Barry Manilow hit bit: "... well / You came and you gave..."
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- One who rules when

- the monarch can't
- Surface
- Procedure/etiquette
- New Delhi's country
- ... book (Do this at the library)
- Poke fun
- U2 producer surname
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- Kingston-born Celtic singer Ms. Lamond: 2 wds.
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- German ... (Woof!)
- Also
- Relieved-one's sound
- ...-in-law
- "Goodness gracious!": 2 wds.
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- Bemoan
- Magical potion
- Soft drink name
- Sportswear brand
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# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Do not be discouraged if studies or travel possibilities look too difficult. Many people think that they are overwhelmed with burdens today, but this is temporary.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
You might be discouraged because your fair share of something is less, or there isn't enough money to do something in conjunction with someone else. Just wait, because this challenge will pass.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Someone older might rain on your parade today. Don't take this personally, because we all feel this in different ways today. Sigh.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
If someone older or more experienced is critical of you at work today, listen in case there is something of value in what he or she has to say. Yes, it will discourage you, but such is life.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Children might be an increased responsibility today. Likewise, romance might be in the toilet. Fear not; this is a fleeting disappointment.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
An older family member might disapprove of your actions today. Oh well, what's new? This sort of thing goes up and down all the time. Just wait it out.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Don't be gripped by worries today. Remember that old saying: "Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but gets you nowhere." It's true.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You might be discouraged because you don't have enough money to do something today. Well, join the club — we number millions. No worries.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Today the Moon in your sign is lined up with stern Saturn. This means that duty and obligations come first. Consider this an opportunity for hard work.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
You will work hard behind the scenes today to accomplish as much as possible, because you see the objective that you want to attain. No pain, no gain!

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Listen to the advice of someone older or more experienced because this person might help you today. (After all, you don't have to reinvent the wheel, do you?)

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
It won't be easy to persuade authority figures to go along with what you want today. Therefore, wait for another day to make your pitch. Timing is everything.

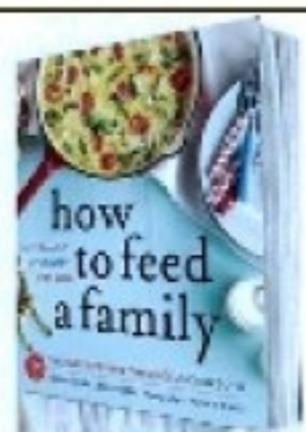
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